Bluegrass Regional Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Conference



Thursday, March 21, 2013

Clarion Hotel 1950 Newtown Pike Lexington, KY 40511

Grandparents, caregivers, relatives and professionals are invited to our 11th GAP (Grandparents and relatives As Parents) Conference! Join us to learn about topics for relatives assuming primary care of children.

Registration form included.

Space is limited. Registration ends on March 8, 2013 or sooner if all spots are filled.



8:00 AM-3:30 PM Resource & Benefits Fair

8:00 AM Registration

8:30 AM Keynote: Marlene B. Huff

Provide an overview of grandparents raising children and adolescents in Kentucky and across the nation. Discuss the commonalities and differences among grandparents raising children in rural and urban areas of the county.

9:15 AM Workshop Session One

1. Getting Grandparent Custody: An Overview of the Legal Process Lisa J. Oeltgen and Duane Osborne

Develop a better understanding of the court process and what to expect from the different kinds of court proceedings.

2. A Different View of Parenting - There is No Magic Wand

Myrtle Procter

In today's world, children are exposed to many different influences and often the "old means of discipline" do not seem to work. This workshop will introduce some alternative ways of working with your children.

3. Spiritual Practices for Caregivers & Care Receivers

Dr. Wanda Lott Collins and Dr. Sharon Bowland

Encouragement for attendees to embrace spiritual practices (Christian or non-Christian) that could enhance the well-being of both care receivers and caregivers. The presenter will offer suggestions that affirm the importance of accessing positive spirituality in coping.

4. Youth Services Offered by Division of Youth Services in Fayette County

Mattie Morton & Social Workers

Programs and services offered by the Division of Youth Services available in Fayette County. Outreach and afterschool programs offered through the Gainesway Community Center will also be outlined.

10:45 AM Workshop Session Two

5. Proving Your Case: Evidence Issues & De Facto Custody

Family Court Judges

Using a question & answer format to initiate discussion with the panelists, the judges will discuss some of their experiences in dealing with de facto custody cases, focusing on the manner in which case-law has impacted their perspectives when examining evidence. **Please note, it is recommended participants attend session #1 at 9:15 in order to attend this session.

<u>6. Connecting for School Success from Birth through Graduation</u> <u>Whitney Stevenson, Alice Nelson & Jessica Berry</u> Learn about family engagement and strategies to use that will promote involvement in the life of a child. Also learn the importance of how being involved in children's lives will shape their school careers.

7. Understanding Teens

<u>Dr. Hatim Omar</u>

Understand teen development and current issues facing teens such as risk behaviors and inhalant abuse. Learn effective ways to communicate with teens.

8. Communication through Our Values

Carol Cecil and Barbara Greene

Review and prioritize your own values and discuss how these values are shown through your decisions and behaviors. We will discuss strategies for handling "value collisions."

12:00 PM Lunch & Door Prizes

1:00 PM Workshop Session Three

9. Caring for Children from Substance Abuse Environments

Doug Burnham

Examine some of the implications for children living in substance abusing environments, and discuss ways of responding to children coming out of these situations and parents currently abusing drugs.

10. Building Self-Confidence

Stephanie Beard

Participants will encourage each other to look within themselves to find their talents and abilities to positively move forward in the family unit.

11. Paving for College 101

Summer Gortney

Help grandparents/parents to learn about the financial aid application process and how the application is put together. Also learn about the methods used to award aid.

12. Gardening with Your Grandkids

Ric McGee and Kelly Weber

Learn about benefits and tips of gardening for you and your grandchildren. Specific projects that can be done with children and challenges that may arise will also be addressed.

2:10 PM Post-Conference Session

13. Attachment, Brain, & Treatment of Behavior

Dr. H. Otto Kaak

Discuss long term impact of early relationships on children's development. This session will discuss Attachment Theory, early brain development and the CARE model of treatment.

2013 GAP Registration Form

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Workshop Session Three 1:00 PM-2:00 PM (circle one) #10 #11 #12

Post-Conference 2:10 PM-3:30 PM (circle one) #13

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 8, 2013 (or sooner if spots are filled)

Make checks payable to: COMMUNITY FCS PROGRAM

Send registration form and payment to: **Fayette County Extension Office GAP** Conference 1140 Red Mile Place Lexington, KY 40504 859-257-5582

Legal Consultation Request

11th Annual Grandparents and Relatives Raising Children Legal Consultation Request

Volunteer attorneys will be available at the conference to provide free consultations about guardianship, custody, child support and related legal issues to grandparents and other relatives raising children. The consultations are limited to 30 minutes, and the attorneys will only be able to provide information and advice. They are not making a commitment to represent you in court on any matter by providing this consultation. They will be able to help you interpret any legal documents you may have, assess your current legal status as a caregiver and offer advice regarding legal steps that you could take.

There will be a limited number of consultations available. Appointments will be assigned based upon when your request for a consultation is received.

To have a free consultation with an attorney you need to complete this form and send it in today. When all of the time slots are filled, we will have to say no to additional requests. The sooner you send in your request, the more likely we will be able to help you. This form must be completed and returned through the mail with your conference registration in order for your request to be considered.

Request for free legal consultation:		
Name		
Address		
City	State	_ Zip
Phone Number (s)		
What time would be better for you?		
Morning	Afternoon	Anytime

The week of the conference, you will receive a phone call indicating the time of your consultation. If all slots become filled, you will be placed on a waiting list.



Grandparents and relatives As Parents

Location: Clarion Hotel 1950 Newtown Pike Lexington, KY I-75/I-64, Exit 115

From I-75/I-64: Take Exit 115, then turn west on Newtown Pike. The Hotel is on the right at the first stoplight.

From Downtown: Take Main Street to Newtown Pike. Turn right onto Newtown Pike and go approximately 5 miles. The Hotel is on the right, before the interstate.

Room Reservations: (877) 451-7623. Ask for the GAP Conference rate of \$89 per night.

Legal Consults

Volunteer Attorneys will be available for free legal consultations. There are a limited number of time slots, and they will be filled in the order received. To request a consultation, you will need to fill out the Legal Consultation Request form (on the back of the registration form) and send it in with your registration.

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